

TOWN OF AMENIA
Regular Board Meeting and Executive Session
Thursday, December 18, 2008
Amenia Town Hall

Supervisor Euvrard called Regular Board Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Salute to the flag was conducted.

Emergency Exits at right of town board meeting table and at rear of meeting room.

PRESENT: Councilman Pelkey
 Councilwoman Perotti
 Councilman Cayea
 Councilwoman Doyle
 Supervisor Euvrard

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Carroll requested that the Town Board consider a Forensic Audit in 2009 to examine Town of Amenia finances. Supervisor Euvrard stated that Linda Hannigan, CPA from Sedore and Company has been hired and assisted in annual audit required by the state. Mr. Carroll was concerned about two sets of “books” in the town and missing monies. Supervisor Euvrard stated that financial statements were balanced. Supervisor also stated that the town board members will discuss further.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Town Clerk

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti, to purchase a **Dell Vostro 1510 laptop** from Professional Computer Associates, Inc (PCA) in the amount of \$1020 for use in the Town Clerk’s office.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Wastewater

Supervisor Euvrard reported that wastewater procedures with map plans and reports are being finalized.

MOTION by Councilman Pelkey, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to APPOINT **Peter Clair** to **Planning Board**.

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Recuse
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to RE-APPOINT **David Menegat** to **Zoning Board of Appeals**.

ROLL:	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION CARRIED

Ethics Committee interviews will be scheduled for Monday, December 29, 2008 by Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION #38 OF 2008

**AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF AMENIA TO TRANSFER FUNDS TO RECONCILE
GENERAL FUND LINES**

Supervisor Euvrard made the Motion, seconded by Councilman Pelkey that was
ADOPTED – VOTE

ROLL:	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Amenia Town Board authorizes a transfer of \$2,544.85 from A00-01-1900-430 (Contingency) to increase said Lines as noted.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bookkeeper is authorized to pay all claims against the town that are received between this date and December 31, 2008.

**RESOLUTION #39 OF 2008 - PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 1 of 2009
A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 105 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF AMENIA,
“SUBDIVISION OF LAND’ BY REPEALING THE EXISTING CHAPTER 105 AND REPLACING
IT WITH A NEW CHAPTER 105”.**

Supervisor Euvrard offered the Resolution, seconded by Councilman Cayea who moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2008, Supervisor Euvrard has introduced this local law for the Town of Amenia, to be known as Town of Amenia Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2009, entitled “A Local Law Amending Chapter 105 of the Code of the Town of Amenia, ‘Subdivision of Land’ by repealing the existing Chapter 105 and replacing it with a new Chapter 105.”

RESOLVED, that a public hearing to be held in relation to the proposed changes as set forth in the form of notice, hereinafter provided, at which hearing parties in interest and citizens shall have the opportunity to be heard, to be held at Amenia Town Hall, 36B Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York, on January 15, 2009, at 7:00 o’clock PM, and that notice of said hearing shall be published in the official newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Amenia by the Town Clerk, at least ten (10) days before such hearing and that such notice shall be in the following form:

TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Amenia will hold a public hearing to be held at Amenia Town Hall, 36B Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York, on January 15, 2009, at 7:00 o’clock PM, on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2009, entitled “A ‘Subdivision of Land’ by repealing the existing Chapter 105 and replacing it with a new Chapter 105.”

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law will be available for Examination at the Town of Amenia Town Hall, Mechanic Street, Amenia, New York, on all business days between the date of this notice and the date of the public hearing.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all persons interested and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard on said proposal at the time and place aforesaid.

The foregoing Resolution was voted upon with all councilman voting as follows:

Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Cayea	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLUTION #40 OF 2008
AUTHORIZING LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY GRANT APPLICATION

Councilman Pelkey introduced the Resolution, seconded by Councilwoman Perotti that was
ADOPTED – VOTE

Councilman Cayea	Aye
Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
Councilman Pelkey	Aye
Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Efficiency Implementation Grant application, and any related administrative documents, and to take such other and further administrative and ministerial action as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Mechanic Street Project (Con-Tech Construction) will complete landscaping in Spring 2009.

Water Meters – Base rate charge will be established in second quarter 2009.

Welsh Sanitation Services will offer presentation in January 2009 for proposed Materials Recovery Project.

Difibrillators

Town Board members agreed to have difibrillators installed. Councilman Pelkey in charge. Training dates to be scheduled by Councilwoman Perotti.

Supervisor toured Amenia Elementary School on December 17, 2008. Plans are to close the school in Fall 2009. Repairs to the building are needed; offers great opportunity to re-locate town offices.

Holiday Hours

Town offices will close at 12noon on Wednesday, December 24th and 31st, 2008, Closed Fri, Dec 26th and Jan 2, 2009.

Transfer Station will be closed on Friday, December 26th, with regular hours on Saturday, December 27th.

Town Clerk's office will be closed on December 24th, 25th, and 26th.

Amenia Re-organizational Meeting has been scheduled for Friday, January 2, 2009 at 5:00 pm at Town Hall.

TOWN BOARD COMMENTS

Board members wished everyone a happy holiday and healthy and prosperous New Year.

Councilwoman Perotti thanked everyone that contributed to the Holiday Food Drive.

Councilwoman Doyle thanked everyone who assisted in the Amenia Dance Program.

Councilwoman Doyle stated that financial record-keeping and integrity of the town is the responsibility of the full town board. Improvements are needed next year. In her opinion, all town board members should be involved in the hiring of auditors. Suggested an exit interview from the auditor to inform the town board of findings.

Councilman Pelkey announced that new fire truck will be on display at pancake breakfast.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Myrnie Hoazl is concerned about the town's inability to notify homeowners that are required to have water meters. Supervisor Euvrard stated that certified letters have been mailed, with some being returned. Issue will be reviewed with Michael Hayes, Town Attorney and Water Committee.

Charlotte Murphy reported that she received several positive comments on the Amenia Dance Program.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Pelkey, to enter **Executive Session** at 8:19 pm to discuss personnel matters. Lana Anguin, Personnel Officer, invited to attend.

ROLL:	Councilman Cayea	Aye
	Councilwoman Perotti	Aye
	Councilman Pelkey	Aye
	Councilwoman Doyle	Aye
	Supervisor Euvrard	Aye

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilwoman Perotti to return to **Regular Meeting** at 9:00 pm with motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Supervisor Euvrard, SECONDED by Councilman Cayea to ADJOURN Regular Meeting at 9:01 pm with motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Maureen Bonds
Amenia Town Clerk

Draft to Town Board: January 5, 2009
Approved by Town Board: January 15, 2009

